

POWELL BROUGHT TO PRESCOTT BY THE SHERIFF

Murder Charge Against Him--Neill Also In Jail

(From Saturday's Daily.) Sheriff Smith reached the city last night having in custody D. B. Powell, whom he arrested yesterday near Flagstaff, charged with the killing of DeWitt Milligan.

Powell was at liberty under bail, charged with assault to commit murder. After one month his wounded victim succumbed to the injuries he received when shot. Powell was non-communicative after learning of the death of Milligan and remarked that he was sorry that Milligan had passed away. A much graver charge—that of murder—has been lodged against Powell. On the request of Sheriff Francis of Coconino county, Sheriff Smith brought on the same train Reuben Neill, one of the principals in the alleged murder of Schwartz in which Woods is linked with him in that crime. Neill's case will come up later in Flagstaff and in the meantime the two men will be separated and communication between them not permitted.

WATER STORAGE IS BEING SYSTEMATIZED

Water storage on the ranges of this county is now universally followed and the service is pronounced satisfactory to this growing industry. Gulches that are ordinarily dry but which are in the summer seasons in the zone of heavy precipitation, are the points selected and in some instances extensive dams are being constructed.

The big dam on Tank creek of J. H. Stephens is pronounced a fine success and along Martinez creek to the south of this city another inland lake of water is in existence. In the vicinity of Seligman many of these structures have been built and more are contemplated. The method is to build them of concrete and in every case up to date not a failure is recorded against this type of water impounding.

In a letter to the Journal-Miner a few days ago, M. S. Burhans, the contractor and builder of Ash Fork, in speaking of these dams says that in less than two years he has in that domain built two dams of concrete material for the Howard Sheep company and has another under way for the same company. That he has built four for E. T. Smith, two for Jerry Sullivan, one for Mr. Stewart, one is under way for Mr. Hutchinson at Anvil Rock, with three more under contract for the same person. In addition to these he has seven more to figure on for other parties.

The above dams range from seven feet to twenty feet high and from fifty feet to three hundred feet long, and for three heavy rains seasons have withstood the heavy flood waters that have reached them. Mr. Burhans is constructing the big Foley store building at Ash Fork of concrete, 45x150 feet, that is nearing completion and a residence for Mr. Clark of concrete blocks.

Rangemen are alive to the necessity of storing water for their vast herds and in adopting this method to permit of easy grazing within reach of an abundant supply of water say that the movement is a success and should have been introduced years ago.

GOLDEN RIDGE LOOKS WELL.

(From Thursday's Daily.) Eli S. Perkins of Congress Junction is here for a few days. Mr. Perkins is general manager of the Golden Ridge Mining and Milling company's property, located in the Weaver district near the Alvarado, or as it is used to be known, the Fool's Gulch mine. The Golden Ridge is a very promising property, having a ten-inch pay streak which averages from five to eight feet in thickness and goes better than \$10 to the ton, while the entire ore body goes about \$8 in gold. The tunnel where work is at present being done is 340 feet on the vein with two shafts working. Mr. Perkins is well pleased with the showing made and looks for something better yet, as the group is in a rich district. The well known Barcus mine that has shipped quantities of exceedingly rich ore in years past is in the same district.

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PLACER YIELD IS ATTRACTING NOTICE

Good Returns From Work in District Near Mayer

(From Saturday's Daily.)

Big Bug in the vicinity of Mayer is attracting attention from its yield in placer gold, and reports from along that creek are to the effect that the new ground discovered is yielding immense sums. Peculiar as it may seem, the site of the auriferous deposits that was uncovered a few weeks ago has been run over for over forty years by travelers, and in addition to that circumstance the track of the Prescott & Bradshaw railroad courses through the most desirable ground that is being mined. The strip that is yielding so splendidly is low lying and the oldest and most experienced placer miner has worked every other parcel except that one particular zone. It was discovered through an excavation made for domestic uses, and as is customary with men who dig into the soil a horn spoon test gave the indications of riches that are coming from it.

The method of handling the soil is by sluicing, and to accomplish this the men who are engaged take barrels of water to a nearby spring, fill the same up and then roll them down the grade. Time and expense follows this method and but a limited amount of ground can be handled. It is now proposed to operate on an extensive scale so far as water is to be considered, and two immense tanks, each of 6,000 gallons capacity, are en route and will be placed on the site of the diggings, with pipe connections to a spring nearby. Long sluice boxes will be built and the new service is expected to result in a great area being handled. In treating the soil at the site of the Star placers, a peculiarly hard clay composition is seen and before it is placed in the sluice boxes it has to be muddled until it is completely separated, after which it is sent down the boxes and washed out.

Some idea of the output of these deposits may be formed by a statement made yesterday by Joe Mayer. He says that for several weeks past the receipt of gold dust at his commercial house will exceed that of all other business transacted in cash or credit, and yet he does not receive the full benefit of the yield. Some of the men engaged at work on this ground make as high as seven dollars per day and practically speaking their time is not actually employed in sluicing but one-third of that time, owing to the long distance to water.

In the region of Big Bug creek, toward the Bradshaws, several Mexicans are similarly employed in washing the old gulches and they run from \$2 to \$5 per day to the man.

PUBLIC RECORDS.

Instruments Filed as Reported by The Prescott Title Co.

1.59, J. A. Patton, W. W. Gnash and N. A. Young, Jr., to Copper Creek Development Co., M. deed, September 7, 1908, \$24,000, Copper Glance Copper Sulphuret, Alum Creek Chief, Depression, Confidence and Eureka Mines, Eureka District.

October 4.

Otto Lebsch et al to Mint Mining and Milling company, M. D., \$50,000, Rosa O'Grady, Buena Vista, Margaret Byrne mines, Copper Basin district.

J. W. Shankard and S. L. Barris locate Warrior mine, Tip Top district.

John Roberts to George W. Holmes, W. D., \$200, one-half interest in Lead Bonanza, Argentine, Oreida, Uncle Billy, Confederation and Link mines, Eureka district.

H. Voge et al to Arizona-Nevada Copper company, option, \$25,000, to Amigo, Palestine, Mary M., Alice and Copper President mines, Eureka district.

September 29.

T. W. Jenkins to James F. Tregarthen, bill of sale, one-half interest in second-hand business at No. 226 W. Gurley street, Prescott.

C. C. Gentry locates Home Winner mine, Agua Fria district.

Al Yroom locates Old Homestead mine, Copper Basin district.

John Quick locates Mammoth mine, Copper Basin district.

United States to Coronado Gold mining company, patent, Martinez, Last Chance and Golden Wave mines, Martinez district.

FATHER TAKING SON HOME AS A PRISONER

Parent Has Youth In Custody Charged With Embzzlement

(From Saturday's Daily.)

With his own father acting as the officer to take him back to face charges that may land him in the pen, Clarence W. Wilkinson, who is wanted in Phoenix for issuing a bogus sight draft, has been taken from San Francisco to Yates Center, Kan., where Wilkinson will be tried for passing a fictitious check on a bank in that city, says the Phoenix Democrat.

Several months ago Wilkinson, who is a printer by trade, was in Phoenix, and while here had himself identified at the Valley bank, which, as a matter of accommodation and believing him to be honest, cashed for him a \$200 sight draft, which he drew on the Bank of Bisbee.

When the Bank of Bisbee received the draft it promptly notified the Valley bank that Wilkinson had no funds there and that he was probably a crook. This led to an investigation, and ever since officers have been trying to locate Wilkinson.

Recently the Union Bank and Trust company of Phoenix received from San Francisco for payment several checks that had been drawn there by Wilkinson on the Union bank here. As he had no funds here the checks were returned to San Francisco.

FORMER RANGEE IS THE MAIN WITNESS

Relative to the now famous murder case in Coconino county, the Flagstaff Sun says:

William A. Olds, ex-lieutenant of the territorial rangers, was seen by the Sun reporter shortly before his departure for Mexico. When asked if there was anything in connection with the Neill and Woods case which he would care to say, Mr. Olds said: "Why, yes. I wish if you can, you would in some way make it clear to your readers that Chief Deputy Tom Pulliam does not deserve the censure he is receiving from some people for not probing deeper into the Schwartz murder case before the body was found when he knew that the crime had been committed."

"As you probably know, Schwartz disappeared on the night of September 18 of last year. As I shall show later, there were circumstances connected with his disappearance which led me to believe that he had been murdered, and as an officer I went to work on the case. On the Sunday morning following the Friday night on which Schwartz had disappeared Woods and I were riding over the hill where the body was afterwards discovered. Woods, knowing that I was doing my utmost to get some clue, and that I would most likely succeed in doing so before I quit, broke down and told me that Schwartz' body was under the ground there, pointing to the grave as he spoke, and then threw himself on my mercy as a friend not to give him away."

"Woods considered me in the same class with himself and consequently thought that if he took me into his confidence as a friend, I would help him to cover up his crime, no matter how dastardly it had been. I can never describe my feelings when this man in whom I had had so much confidence acknowledged to me that he had committed murder, and appealed to me to help him conceal his guilt. It was certainly the most unexpected disclosure I ever met with, and I have met with some startling things in my long career as an officer. As rangers, Woods and I had ridden together, eaten together, slept together, and been on such confidential terms that I regarded him almost as a brother."

"I felt humiliated to think that one who had been so near to me had stooped to such a cowardly murder. I also thought of the disgrace such a thing would bring to the territorial rangers whom some people were always ready to class as a band of out-throats because they were in the business of enforcing the law. Instead of the words of consolation Woods had expected from me I gave him a licking with the rough side of my tongue. I let him know right then and there that I could not sanction any such a cowardly murder, even

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that it had been committed by one whom I had a feeling something akin to that which prevents a person from eating a rabbit or other animal after it has been a pet about the home. It was my conviction that Neill and Woods should be arrested and brought to justice, but I could not get over the feeling that I wanted some one else to arrest Woods. I would have been perfectly willing to arrest Neill when the time came.

"Realizing that the duty of arresting Woods was such a disagreeable one that I was not going to do it if I could get some one else. I felt it my duty to tell the county officers of the murder and also where they could find the body. This I did, but as I have already said, the officers refused to take my story seriously. It seemed utterly impossible to them that Neill and Woods would be guilty of such a crime. I know of Pulliam and Francis having said that they believed that I was going crazy, or else carrying a josh to the extreme."

"Neill is as deep into the crime as the other fellow. Woods told me so, and everything goes to prove that he was. The letter now in the possession of the officers which was received by Schwartz in which he was advised to get out of the country at once is in the handwriting of a woman with whom Neill was unduly intimate. My theory about this letter is that Neill had intimidated this woman that Schwartz would be made away with, and that she, fearing that Neill would get into trouble, had written Schwartz this letter."

"Neill and Woods together took Schwartz' partner, Stevens, to the dam and started to drown him, as can be easily proved. My personal opinion is that it was Neill who committed the deed, because that while Neill and Woods are both cowardly, Neill is more cold blooded. Neill and Woods both hated the detectives, Schwartz and Stevens. Neill knew that he was being shadowed by them in connection with his clandestine relations with a woman, and Woods had had trouble with Schwartz over another matter."

"I understand that publicity has been given to the fact that I tried to get a reward offered for the murderer of Schwartz. I freely admit that I suggested to Pulliam that he ought to try to get a reward offered because the sheriff's office is certainly entitled to it, considering the hard work connected with working up a case of this kind. Friends of Neill and Woods, I have been told, have tried to show that I had an ulterior or selfish motive in trying to get a reward offered. To disprove such a slander I need only say that when I mentioned this matter to the officers I said that I did not want anything out of it myself, and would not accept a single cent if it were offered me."

"I am not sorry the case has been continued. It is such a cold blooded affair that the more people think about it the more sentiment will develop against the murderers, and the more apt they will be to get justice. When the case comes to trial I do not believe there will be any difficulty in proving that Neill and Woods have jointly committed one of the most cowardly and dastardly murders in the history of Arizona or any other country. And Schwartz is not the only man they intended to make

away with, either. There is evidence which can be easily produced that would show that they intended to include Jim Johnson, a bitter enemy of Neill, in their plot.

"Schwartz was killed on the night of September 18 of last year. I was not in Williams that night and they knew it, and that is very likely why they picked that night for their murderous work. Schwartz and his partner, Stevens, were living together. About 9 o'clock Woods went to the house of Schwartz and Stevens and called Stevens out, saying 'I want you to go with me and help me arrest Neill.' This was a cunning bait, as Neill had given Stevens a severe slapping a few days before and Stevens, the unsophisticated fellow that he was, walked right into the trap, thinking he had a chance to get even with Neill. As soon as Woods got Stevens away from the house he was joined by Neill and the two forcibly took Stevens out to the dam and tied his feet together and attached rocks to his body, intending to drown him. Finally they changed their plan and let him go, realizing that he was so badly scared that he would leave town if given half a chance, and that it would be safer to let him go than to drown him and take chances of his body being found. This part of the story is common information and Neill and Woods do not deny having had Stevens out at the dam. Neill asked Stevens why he was shadowing him and he said he was doing so for his boss, Detective Schwartz, and that it was in connection with the Polson store robbery. There are reasons which I could give that would show that Neill supposed that Schwartz and Stevens were shadowing him in an effort to work up evidence against him and a Williams woman for violating the Edmunds act, and that if a case was developed against them they both would probably go to the penitentiary."

"Stevens was the last man except the murderers who saw Schwartz alive. Neill and Woods, after letting Stevens go, went back and got Schwartz and killed him, and buried him where his body was found more than six months later. As an evidence that Schwartz was taken from his house by force is the fact that his dog was left locked up. I turned it out myself after my return to Williams. Schwartz was very much attached to his dog and everybody who knew him knows he never went anywhere without having his dog along with him."

"As a further proof that Neill and Woods are guilty is the fact that they both fled from Williams when Schwartz' body was found."

"But why did they come back and voluntarily surrender?" asked the reporter.

"That is very plain," said Mr. Olds. "According to published reports, Neill and Woods stated that while in hiding they read the Coconino Sun regularly. You will remember that the week before they came in and surrendered that the Coconino Sun published an article in which it realized now that I should not have allowed Woods to work on my feelings as he did at the time of his confession to me. After this experience I know that no criminal could ever play on my feelings again."

no indictment would likely ever be returned against them. That is just where they caught themselves. Pulliam had a subpoena for me when he came to Mexico, but he had no way of compelling me to come out of Mexico and I told him that I would not return to Arizona to give evidence in the case until Neill and Woods had been arrested; that that would be time enough, and that I would be willing to come then. If the editor of the Sun had not failed to publish this last part of my statement I feel certain that Neill and Woods would never have come in and voluntarily surrendered to Sheriff Francis."

"This case is certainly remarkable in its dastardliness. There are so many things about it that seem unreasonable and impossible that I can readily understand how there are people who are saying that it is a very mysterious case, and that they do not believe that it will ever be unraveled. I believe that I have reached the bottom of the whole thing and I am not afraid to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. I am here now because my duty as a man depends that I be, in the interest of justice, and whenever the case comes to trial I am willing to go on the stand. I do not care in how many different ways lawyers may ask me the same questions or how severe the cross-examination. The cold facts of the case are there, and any effort to break down my testimony would only make the facts themselves more stubborn. If I did not firmly believe this I would not have said some things to you that I have, for if Attorneys Ling and Jones for the defense hear of them they will probably get to work with a view to having them discredited when I make them from the witness stand, but work as hard as they may, I do not believe they can succeed."

"I would not be surprised if the lawyers for the defense should ask for a change of venue. If they do and it is granted, I believe the defendants will be even more apt to get their necks broken than if tried here. Their crime is so cold blooded, cowardly and dastardly that I do not think there is any chance of them not getting the full measure of justice meted out, no matter where they are tried."

"It is a case in which there is a long chain of evidence, but it is a strong chain with not a single weak link. There are many strange things connected with the case, but I do not believe there is a single one that I cannot make clear."

"Woods made the threat in the Commercial hotel that if I or anyone else ever came around making even an insinuation that he (Woods) was in any way connected with the Schwartz murder he would blow their brains out. I thought that was the limit. If there is anything that I have a supreme contempt for it is a cowardly threat made by a criminal for the purpose of frightening a witness out of the country."

"If I had the same case to come in again I would do differently. I realized now that I should not have allowed Woods to work on my feelings as he did at the time of his confession to me. After this experience I know that no criminal could ever play on my feelings again."

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